

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2473–2480, and S. Con. Res. 112–113. **Page S6087**

Measures Reported: S. 2273, to provide increased rail transportation security, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–278) **Page S6087**

Measures Passed:

World War II Memorial: Senate agreed to S. Res. 362, expressing the sense of the Senate on the dedication of the National World War II Memorial on May 29, 2004, in recognition of the duty, sacrifices, and valor of the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in World War II.

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World War II Memorial: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 409, recognizing with humble gratitude the more than 16,000,000 veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during World War II and the Americans who supported the war effort on the home front and celebrating the completion of the National World War II Memorial on the National Mall in the District of Columbia.

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World War II Memorial: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 423, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for activities associated with the dedication of the National World War II Memorial.

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Department of Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2400, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 3240, to strike an amendment to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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Warner (for Graham (SC)) Amendment No. 3227, to except from criminal offense the receipt of pay from an employer by a Reservist on active duty in connection with a contingency operation. **Page S6055**

Levin (for Landrieu/Warner) Amendment No. 3171, to authorize representatives of veterans service organizations to appear at pre-separation counseling provided by the Department of Defense. **Page S6055**

Warner (for Graham (SC)) Modified Amendment No. 3228, to increase by \$3,000,000 the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 201(2) for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Navy and make the increase available for infrastructure system security engineering development, and to provide an offset. **Pages S6055–6056**

Levin (for Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 3241, to increase by \$2,000,000 the amount authorized to be appropriated for research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide activities, and make the increase available for neurotoxin mitigation research, and to provide an offset. **Page S6056**

Warner (for Grassley) Amendment No. 3242, to provide for the consolidation and improvement of authorities for army working-capital funded facilities to engage in public-private partnerships.

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Levin (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3243, to provide for the conveyance of land at March Air Force Base, California. **Page S6057**

Warner (for Santorum) Modified Amendment No. 3166, to require a report on the maturity and effectiveness of the Global Information Grid-Bandwidth Expansion (GIG-BE) network. **Pages S6057–58**

Pending:

Graham (SC) Amendment No. 3170, to provide for the treatment by the Department of Energy of waste material. **Page S6052**

Crapo Amendment No. 3226 (to Amendment No. 3170), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6052**

Class Action Fairness Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.

2062, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of May 21, 2004, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

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Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, all committees were authorized to file legislative and executive reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader or the Assistant Majority Leader, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Appointment Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Democratic Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Francis Mulvey, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2007.

W. Douglas Buttrey, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2008.

Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Miles T. Bivins, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Sweden.

John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Deborah Hersman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2008.

Earle I. Mack, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

Jack Dyer Crouch II, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Romania.

Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

Mitchell B. Reiss, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Northern Ireland.

Thomas Hill Moore, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2003. (Reappointment)

Victor Henderson Ashe, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

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Text of H.R. 3550, as Previously Passed:

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and, in accordance with the provisions of H. Con. Res. 432, adjourned at 2:39 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, June 1, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S6251–52.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.